

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Franz-Christoph Bange  
Application No. : 10/549,495  
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For : METHOD AND KIT FOR THE SPECIFIC DETECTION OF *M.*  
*TUBERCULOSIS*

Examiner : Rodney P. Swartz  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.